

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 5, 11 and 18 are allowed. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 15, 17, and 21-22 have been canceled. Claims 2, 6, 9, 12, 14, 16 and 19-20 have been amended. Reconsideration of this application and allowance of each of claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 12-14, 16, and 19-20 is respectfully requested.

The Action rejects claims 1-4, 8-10, 14-17 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 7,034,811 to Allen ("Allen") in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0052394 to Waterman ("Waterman"). The action also rejects claims 6-7, 12-13 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for being obvious from Allen in view of Waterman in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,552,735 to Dehmlow (hereinafter "Dehmlow").

Claims 2 and 6 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 5. Claim 7 is dependent from claim 6 and also depends from allowed claim 5. Accordingly, claims 2, 6 and 7 are in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependency on allowed claim 5.

Claims 9, 12 and 14 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 11. Claim 13 is dependent from claim 12 and also depends from allowed claim 11. Accordingly, claims 9, 12 and 13-14 are in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependency on allowed claim 11.

Claims 16, 19 and 20 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 18. Accordingly, claims 16, 19 and 20 are in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependency on allowed claim 18.

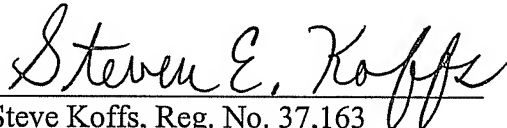
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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